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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. The documents were cited in U.S. Patent 6,777,039 B2, upon which an obviousness-type double patenting rejection was based in the present application. It is noted that U.S. Patent 6,387,473 B1 and JP-A-11-115308 cited in U.S. Patent 6,777,039 B2 were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 11, 2004 in the present application, and therefore are not being cited again.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: The submission of English language abstracts for JP-A-10-181190, JP-A-2000-211235, and JP-A-2000-211241 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-10-181190, JP-A-2000-211235, and JP-A-2000-211241.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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